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DREDGING LEASE

APPLICANTS:

Channel Reef Community Association
2525 Ocean Boulevard
Corona Del Mar, CA 92625

City of Newport Beach
829 Harbor Island Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign lands granted, in trust, to the County of Orange, with minerals reserved to the State, pursuant to Chapter 526, Statutes of 1919, and as amended, at the Channel Reef Community Association Marina near the entrance of Newport Harbor, north of China Cove, city of Newport Beach, Orange County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Dredge a maximum of 7,000 cubic yards of material to reopen existing boat slips that have been silted in and to eliminate the process of burying eelgrass beds north of the dock. Disposal of dredged material to be distributed to bay and ocean beaches within the lands granted to the city of Newport Beach and Corona del Mar State Beach for replenishment purposes.

LEASE TERM:

Two years, beginning August 24, 2006, to August 23, 2008.

CONSIDERATION:

No royalty will be charged, as the project will result in a public benefit. Dredged material may not be sold.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. The Commission previously approved a similar dredging project at the Channel Reef Community Association Marina on October 28, 1996. That least expired August 29, 1999, and the Applicants are now applying to perform maintenance dredging.
2. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905 (d)(4).
3. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public resources Code sections 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:

City of Newport Beach
California Coastal Commission
United States Army Corps of Engineers
Regional Water Quality Control Board

EXHIBITS:

- A. Site and Location Map
- B. Existing Condition at Project Site

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 4 MINOR

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ALTERATIONS TO LAND; TITLE 2, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 2905 (d)(4).

SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:

FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A DREDGING LEASE TO CHANNEL REEF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH BEGINNING AUGUST 24, 2006, FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, FOR DREDGING A MAXIMUM OF 7,000 CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL WITHIN THE CHANNEL REEF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MARINA, NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF NEWPORT HARBOR, NORTH OF CHINA COVE, CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, ORANGE COUNTY, AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF; SUCH PERMITTED ACTIVITY IS CONTINGENT UPON APPLICANT'S COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PERMITS, RECOMMENDATIONS, OR LIMITATIONS ISSUED BY FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. NO ROYALTY WILL BE CHARGED, AS THE DREDGING AND THE USE OF THE DREDGED MATERIAL FOR BEACH REPLENISHMENT PURPOSES WILL RESULT IN A BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC. THE DREDGED MATERIAL MAY NOT BE SOLD.

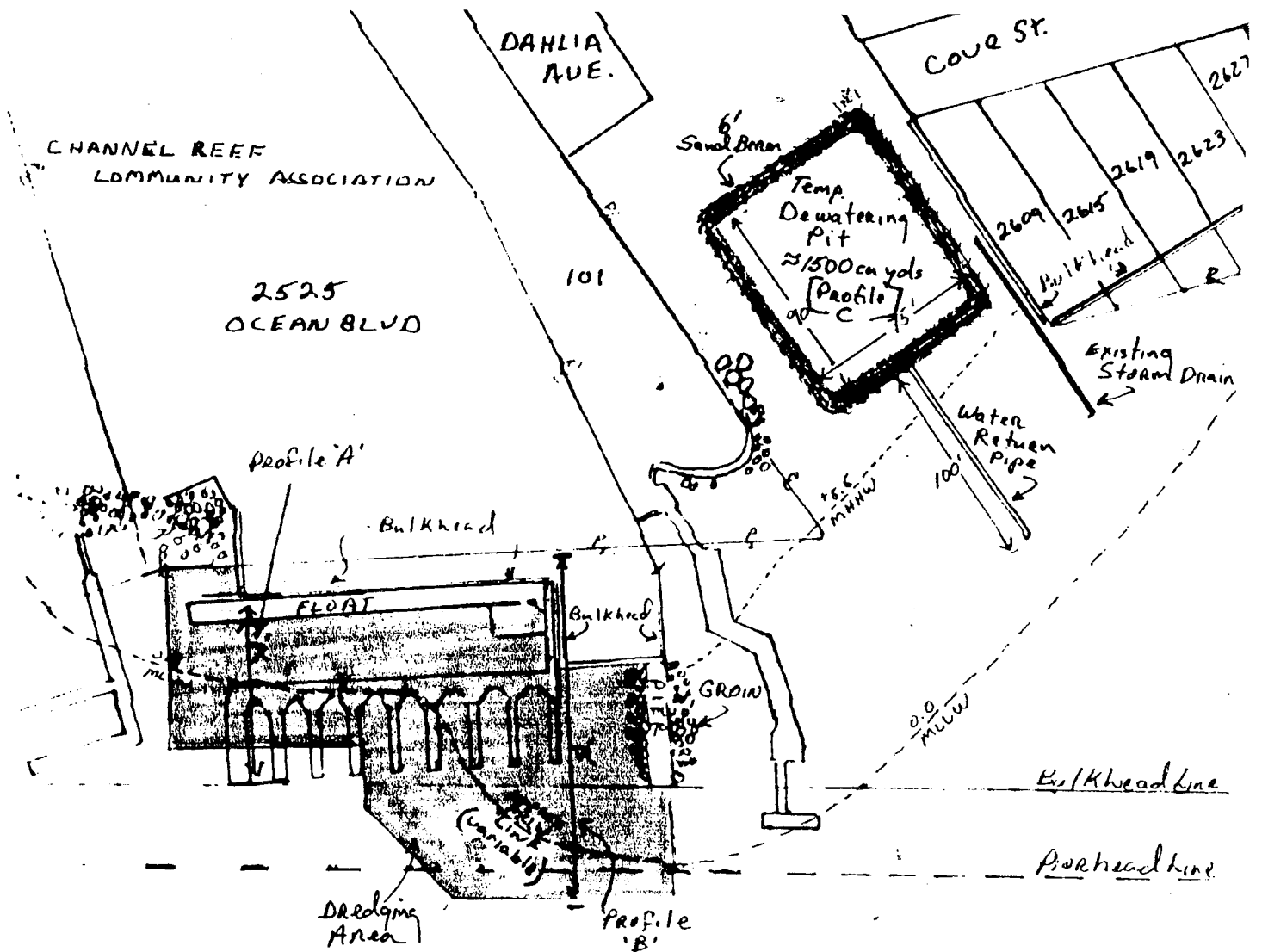
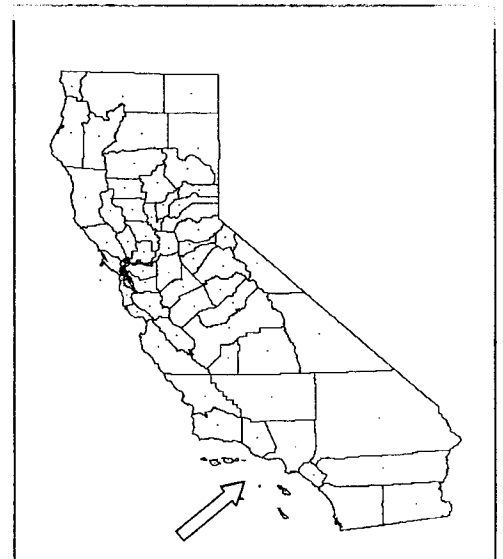


Exhibit A
Location and Site Map

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Channel Reef Community
Association Marina
&
City of Newport Beach
Dredging Lease



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EXHIBIT B

Existing Conditions at Lease Site



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